

# Nature Center Activities

## Turkey Run State Park

Sunday, August 1

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Help stock the wildlife area with seed, suet & nectar, & then watch through windows as animals come to eat! Nature Center.

**\*10:30am Tree ID Books** – Meet at the nature center & take a short easy hike to discover our native trees. Then make a tree ID booklet to take home. 1-hr.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Let a naturalist give you a tour of the summer stars during this 40-minute planetarium program. Must be seated by 2. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the cellar of the Lusk Home to take an entertaining 1-hour tour of this 1841 brick mansion. Even kids love this tour. A \$2/person donation is suggested but not required. Doors open at 2:45. With 3 sets of stairs, the home is not accessible.

Monday & Wednesday, August 2 & 4

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous listing

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

Tuesday, August 3

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous listing

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** - See previous listing.

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**\*Healthy Parks – Healthy People:** Get “INShape” with us or discover how to keep a state park healthy at these programs.

Thursday, August 5

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. Doors open at 2:45.

Friday, August 6

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am- 5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous.

**10am-noon Naturalist On The Trails** – Watch for a naturalist on the trails to see what weird thing from nature she’s bringing along!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**6-8pm The Campground Mystery** – Stop the roving naturalist to see what she has hidden in her bucket. Make, touch or do something amazing!

Saturday, August 7

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous.

**10-11am Bee Corner** – Stop by the nature center observation hive and let the naturalist tell you about the miraculous lives of a “super organism,” the honeybee.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** - See previous listing.

**\*8:30pm Candlelight Lusk Home Tour** – Come to the Lusk Home to take a candlelight tour of this 1841 brick mansion. 1-hr. Cellar doors open at 8:15.

Earn pins, kerchiefs, patches & more!  
Hoosier Quest Program  
Sign up at the Nature Center

Sunday, August 8

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous.

**\*10:30am A Story of a Canyon** – Hike a rugged, gorgeous canyon with a naturalist to hear the fascinating stories behind all that missing rock. 1-hour. Nature Center

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** - See previous listing. Doors open at 2:45pm.

Monday and Wednesday, August 9 & 11

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

Tuesday, August 10

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the cellar of the Lusk Home to take an entertaining 1-hour tour of this 1841 brick mansion. Even kids love this tour. A \$2/person donation is suggested but not required. Doors open at 2:45. With 3 sets of stairs, the home is not accessible.

Thursday, August 12

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** - See previous listing. Doors open at 2:45 pm.

Friday, August 13

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous.

**10am-noon Naturalist On The Trails** – Watch for a naturalist on the trails to see what weird thing from nature she’s bringing along!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**6-8pm The Campground Mystery** – Stop the roving naturalist to see what she has hidden in her bucket. Make, touch or do something amazing!

### Archaeology Day!

Saturday, August 14

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous.

**\*10am-3pm Caveman Capers** – Get your face painted with petroglyphs, throw a spear with an atlatl, bring from home your own stone tools and arrowheads to show to an archaeologist, or try your hand at caveman art, life skills and crafts. Something for everyone – don’t miss this opportunity to step back into prehistoric life! Near nature center & Olympic pool.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Get a flavor for life during the 1800s on this entertaining 1-hour tour. A \$2/person donation is suggested but not required. Meet at the Home - basement doors open at 2:45. With 3 sets of stairs, the Home is not accessible.

**8-9pm Let There Be Light!** – Caveman style! Make a stone lamp at the nature center to take home.

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Sunday, August 15

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Help stock the wildlife area with seed, suet & nectar, & then watch through windows as animals come to eat! Nature Center.

**10:30am Nature Journaling** – Create a recycled journal and use it to capture your experiences at the park. 45 minutes. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Let a naturalist give you a tour of the summer stars during this 40-minute planetarium program. Must be seated by 2. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the cellar of the Lusk Home to take an entertaining 1-hour tour of this 1841 brick mansion. Even kids love this tour. A \$2/person donation is suggested but not required. Doors open at 2:45. With 3 sets of stairs, the home is not accessible.

Monday and Wednesday, August 16 & 18

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed the Birds** – See above.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

Tuesday, August 17

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed The Birds** – Help stock the wildlife area with seed, suet & nectar, & then watch through windows as animals come to eat! Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. Doors open at 2:45pm.

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Thursday, August 19

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** - See previous.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. Doors open at 2:45.

**7pm Bats In The Coal Mine!** – Join us for a special program all about the Trail 4 coal mine. Guest Mark Stacy will show when, how and why the mine was gated, and what a success story the project has become. INN basement. Sponsored by The Friends of Turkey Run & Shades State Parks. 1-hr.

Friday, August 20

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

**10am-noon Naturalist On The Trails** – Watch for a naturalist on the trails to see what weird thing from nature she’s bringing along!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**6-8pm The Campground Mystery** – Stop the roving naturalist to see what she has hidden in her bucket. Make, touch or do something amazing!

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## National Honeybee Day!

Saturday, August 21

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** - See previous.

**9:30am-4pm Honeybee Observation Hive** – Stop by the hive at the nature center throughout the day to find the queen, watch the workers and let naturalists or beekeepers unveil the secrets of bees for you.

**9:30am-4pm Bee Store** – Today only at the nature center. Purchase soaps, lotions, lip balms, honey & more, all created here in our community. Products are made with pollen, royal jelly & other people-friendly bee stuff.

**10am The Lives of Bees & Beekeepers** – Gather in the nature center auditorium to meet a real beekeeper, Royce Foster, see beekeeping equipment up close, and discover the amazing life of an extraordinary insect. 45-min.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** - See previous listing.

**\*3-4pm Bee Games** – Learn the waggle dance and celebrate the ways of bees during this exciting and fun family program. PRIZES!! Nature Center.

**7:30pm A Taste of Indiana** – Sample honey from all over the state and from all different kinds of flowers during this 1-hour program at the amphitheater. Local beekeepers Steve and Pam Hauser will have live bees to see, stories to tell and honey to taste!



Sunday, August 22

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

**10:30am Meet The Hummingbird** – Meet in the nature center wildlife observation room for an up-close look at dozens of these feisty little birds. Let Jana give you insight into their crazy lives. 40-min. program.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** - See previous listing.

Monday and Wednesday, August 23 & 25

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

Tuesday, August 24

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. Cellar doors open at 2:45 p.m.

Thursday, August 26

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** - See previous.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** - See previous listing.

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## Turkey Run State Park

Friday, August 27

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Help stock the wildlife area with seed, suet & nectar, & then watch through windows as animals come to eat! Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Let a naturalist give you a tour of the summer stars during this 40-minute planetarium program. Must be seated by 2. Nature Center. *Reservations recommended.*

**6-8pm The Campground Mystery** – Stop the roving naturalist to see what she has hidden in her bucket. Make, touch or do something amazing!

Saturday, August 28

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

**\*10:30am Recycled Bubbles** – Discover how fun it is to reduce the amount of trash going to a landfill. Make bubbles as big as YOU with stuff from around the house. 45-min hands-on program outside Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See previous.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the cellar of the Lusk Home to take an entertaining 1-hr tour of this 1841 brick mansion. Even kids love this tour. A \$2/person donation is suggested but not required. Doors open at 2:45. With 3 sets of stairs, the home is not accessible.

**\*9pm Is the Lusk Home Haunted?** – Come to the Lusk Home to take a candlelight tour of this 1841 two story brick mansion & hear stories of this family. The tour lasts 1 hour. Cellar doors open at 8:45 p.m.

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Sunday, August 29

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed the Birds** - See previous.

**\*10:30am Creek Stomp** – Meet at the nature center for a 1.5-hour easy hike to find strange things living in a creek. Must wear shoes that can get wet!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** - See previous listing.

Mon & Wed, Aug. 30 & Sep't. 1

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

Tuesday, August 31

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

**\*10am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing.

Thursday, September 2

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous.

Friday, September 3

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**6-8pm The Campground Mystery** – Stop the roving naturalist to see what she has hidden in her bucket. Make, touch or do something amazing!

Saturday, September 4

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed the Birds** - See previous.

**10:30am One Hummer of a Bird** – Gather in the wildlife observation room for a close-up look at these amazing birds – hummingbirds! 30-min.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** - See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.*

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Meet in the cellar of the Lusk Home to take an entertaining 1-hr tour of this 1841 brick mansion. Even kids love this tour. A \$2/person donation is suggested but not required. Doors open at 2:45. With 3 sets of stairs, the home is not accessible.

**9pm Star Stories** – Gather at the amphitheater (by Olympic pool) to experience the legends and lore (and the fun) of ancient stargazers. Get some tips on how to stargaze on your own. 1-hour family program.

Sunday, September 5

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

**10:30am Reptiles Alive!** – Come to the nature center to see & TOUCH live turtles & snakes. Discover how much good they do for you & I, & just how cool they really are! 40-minutes. Great for folks fearful of snakes☺

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous. *Reservations recommended.*

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** - See previous. Opens 2:45.

**\*9pm Candlelight Lusk Home Tour** – Come to the Lusk Home to take a candlelight tour of this 1841 two story brick mansion & hear stories of the family who lived here. The tour is 1 hour. Cellar doors open at 8:45.

**Earn pins, kerchiefs, patches & more!**  
**Hoosier Quest Program:**  
**Sign up at the Nature Center.**

Monday, September 6

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

**\*9:30am Help Feed the Birds** – See previous.

**\*10:30am Fossil Hike** – Gather on the nature center front porch for a 1-hour rugged hike to experience the rocks of Turkey Run and the stories they tell us. Hike ends with a fossil hunt!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous.

**\*3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing.

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